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Concerning those most Famous and Safe
Cathartique and Diuretique
PILLS.

Being an Incomparable Medicine in all
Chronicall and Dangerous Diseases.

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The late Lord General **MUNCK,**
Of the **ORPHEL**

Many Hundred before, and since, having
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It is also the only and most certain Remedy against
the **SCURVY**, with all other many Sorts of many Humors.

Helps the **King's Evil**, and cures the **Sticks, Cancers,**
and spreading Sores, the longer it is used the more.

It Purifies and Sweetens the Blood, and prevents the
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And hath been found often by Experience, to Expel
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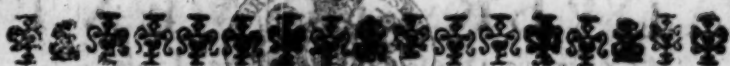
Meat, &c. together with a Restoration of former Health.
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Physicians in Ordinary.

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Cathartique and Diuretique

PILLS.

Friendly Reader,

HAVING through the wonderfull Goodness & Mercy of the Almighty God, by long Experience in searching the great volume of Nature, by a diligent inspection, observing the property of each Distemper, with the nature and occult quality of Mettals, Minerals, and Vegetables; some years past arrived to the preparation of this most excellent Medicine, whose transcendent Virtues are well known to many Persons of great Worth. A Medicament so exceeding rare, as admits no Rival for the performance of the foresaid Cures. &c. the want of which every year, causeth great numbers of Men, Women, and Children to descend untimely to their Graves.

Therefore I conceive it a Duty highly incumbent on me, to let the World share with me in the dispensation of so Divine a Blessing: And so having consequently taken upon me to give this Advertisement, to the intent my Countrey-men may understand how willing I am to communicate what I have received from the Author of all good things.

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To speak much in praise of these *PILLS*, were but to give jealousy, and indeed occasion to undervalue them; for they have spoken loud enough for themselves all over *England*; and indeed had they not been found by their incessful operation and Virtue, to exceed all other Medicines hitherto invented against the Dropsie; Some that account themselves able Physicians, would never have made use of them in the course of their Practice, by making them up into *Elixuaries*, and otherwise handling them for their own private convenience.

I should be too tedious with the Reader, to enumerate the several Cures that have been effected by this *PILL* since its first Preparation, *Anno 1661.* and to insert the several Letters Gratulatory sent from most parts of *England*, &c. to me: Wherein are recounted the several miraculous Cures done on Persons that before the taking this Medicine could foresee nothing but *Death*. And if any are desirous to be satisfied of the verity hereof, I shall readily upon request, shew the Originals. And now I must tell you, there is a strange humour (which because it is *series natura*, and came into the World with mankind, I may be numbred amongst Humane frailties) was ever predominant in our affections; that is, when any person through zeal to the publick good, hath brought any thing to pass that findeth entertainment and reception in the world, he shall be *transversis oculis*, looked on by those of the same Faculty and Profession, as though he had done some injustice to the Laws of Friendship and common Society; but 'tis no new thing, since I find it taken notice of by an ancient *Greek* Poet, who saith,

ὁ πτωχὸς τῷ πλούτιον καὶ τῷ σοφῷ τὸν ἄσσοφον.

Mendicū mendico, faber fabro invidet. Hesiod.

And 'tis miraeulous what devices and contrivances are used and complotted, purposely to dislodge the good opinion the world have of the thing thus accomplished : 'Tis my case ; for some that profess themselves Physicians, have acknowledged, as in Justice to its merits, (they could do no less) that my Pills are the only & absolute Medicine to combat the Dropsy, &c. Yet lest they should be totally excluded from all pretensions of curing the same, (to defraud the Patient) they use this restriction, that they leave some evil qualitie behind them. Thus to save me a labour, they baffle themselves in terminis.

Herein I would not be understood to reflect on able and learned Physicians, (some of which are my worthy friends) those being too ingenious to embarque themselves in such base and degenerate actions.

And whereas some report they know the Composition of my Pills, thereby having occasion to foist any thing (especially) on the ignorant People ; let them enjoy their own opinions, but I conceive them profoundly mistaken, as will soon be found by any that adventure to make use of them ; none being as yet privie therunto, my Wife excepted, to whom I have made known the whole Preparation thereof ; that if it please God she survive me, they may still be prepared for the benefit of my Countrey. Therefore I shall not much concern my self in farther vindication of those PILLS, but continue the true Preparation and Directions for the use of the same, and for the wondrous Virtues thereof ; I shall refer you to others to be informed.

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Which few Instances shall serve for all; and shall omit to make mention of the Persons I have cured with this Medicine of the *Dropsie*, and *Scurvie* in the City of *London*, 1662, 63, and 64. and shall only insert some remarkable Cures performed of late years in the City of *Bristol*, before I was sent for from thence, to Cure His Grace the late Lord General Monck, who by the Virtue of my PILLS in twenty eight days evacuated by Stool Twelve Gallons of Water, his Swellings all abated, and he became perfectly Cured, as you may understand by what follows, being a true Copy of the Certificate under his Hand and Seal.

These are to Certifie all whom it may concern, That Mr. WILLIAM SERMON, Professor of Physick, was the Person, by Gods blessing, who did perfectly Cure me with much ease, and in a short time. Given under my Hand and Seal at New Hall this 12th. day of July 1669.

ALBEMARLE.

I have omitted here to insert the Case of the Duke of ALBEMARLE, as it was found in Dissolution, Jan. 4. 1669. believing all sober Persons are well informed, that His Grace was perfectly Cured by my Pills in June and July 1669. and that at last he dyed not of the Dropsie, as many enviously reports.

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However, if there be any that are not satisfied of the truth thereof, I refer them to read the Life and Actions of General Monck, pag. 246. 254. 476. written by that Reverend Divine Dr. Thomas Gumble, Chaplain to his late Grace.

Mr. James Perry, formerly living at the White Lyon in Broad-street in the City of Bristol, was sorely afflicted with the Dropsie, his Belly, Thighs, and Legs, extreemly swelled, and very hard; insomuch that he could not go: He had a great Cough and Suffocation of the Lungs, loathed his meat, who for the space of seventeen Weeks used all means imaginable, and had the advice of Fifteen Physicians; some caused him to be Cupt, others used Scarification, &c. but took no effect; so they all left him for a dead man: Yet by Gods blessing with my Pills, which caused him to evacuate by Stool at several times about sixteen Gallons of discoloured Water; besides, forced Urine freely, all his swellings forthwith abated, his Ulcers (unskillfully procured) healed, and he was perfectly cured in thirty six dayes. This was effected in November, and part of December, 1666.

Mr. Perry departed this life in the latter end of Summer in the Year 1671. and nothing less could be expected; since notwithstanding Friendly Admonitions and Cautions to the contrary, he fell to his old course of drinking Brandy, and other strong Liquors, by which means the malignity of his Distemper (in process of time) revived, and he expired. For 'tis an infallible Rule in Philosophy, *Eadem causa eundem pro ducit effectum*: The same cause produceth the same Effect; Which Rule might have taken place for his great advantage, if he had consulted me again in time, used my Pills and Directions, as formerly. Therefore in kindness to all persons that have not an utter disregard

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to their own safety, by this Example I do caution, that they do (in as much as in them lyeth) forbear the over-much drinking of strong liquors. For be assured, upon my long experience, that under their Conduct, marcheth the Dropsie, Scurvie, Consumption, and other mortal Diseases.

Mr. Robert Lisson of Bristol, far gone in the Dropsie, and had a Cough that sorely vexed him, was Cured with one 12. s. Box of my Pills.

Upon Whitsunday 1667. I was called to Mr. Will. Kinton Copper-Smith, formerly living at the Red Lyon in Castle-street, who was troubled with the Dropsie and extraordinary swelled, especially in his Belly, and had a great Cough; was at last Cured by two 8 s. Boxes of my Pills.

Richard Davies belonging then to the Sugar-house in Temple-street, very far gone in the Dropsie; his Belly and Members much swelled, which I cured in January, 1667.

Mr. Peter Grant, now living at the Sign of the Blew Bores Head in the Shambles in Bristol, being brought exceeding low with the Dropsie, who also had a violent pain in his Stomach, his breath very short; his Relations and Friends giving him over, having no hopes of life, aged near 60. He at last making use of about 16 s. worth of my Pills, was in a short time perfectly Cured in the Year 1669.

Also Anne Estridge aged near 22. in St. Peters street in the City aforesaid, for want of her monthly sickness, fell into a Dropsie, and so extremely swelled, that her belly, thighs, and legs were ready to split, who for some time lay speechless, yet by Gods blessing and my Pills, was perfectly cured.

One *Phillis* in *Wind-street*, in the same City, aged near 50. her monethly Courses had left her, and being full of excrementious humours, fell into a violent Dropsie, &c. very much swelled, and in great pain, whom I cured in few weeks.

And for the future to prevent such Accidents, I counsel the Female Sex about the time that those are leaving them, to take some of my Pills (as directed in this Book) for certainly it hath been found, and still will be, the best Medicine under the Heavens in such cases, not only to prevent the Dropsie, but several distempers that beget Morality before the appointed time; which none shall pass, neither can then Physick take the least effect.

The Wife of *Mr. Arthur Baker*, in the Parish of *Cromwel* in the County of *Glocester*, afflicted much with the Dropsie, and sorely tormented with a *Spasmas*, a Disease in which the sinews are drawn or plucked up against the Patients will, was cured by my Pills, though in the Winter time, and very much Frost and Snow.

Mr. William Underhill's Son, in the Parish of *Bitton*, five miles from *Bristol*, afflicted much with the Dropsie, was cured with two or three Boxes of my Pills.

Many more eminent Cures have been of late effected by my Pills, in, and adjacent to the City of *Bristol*, which here I omit, it being well known to most of the worthy inhabitants thereof, &c.

Mr. John Ford, one of the members of the honourable house of Commons, having an indisposition of body, received much good by taking of my Pills, when nothing else would take effect.

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Mr. Edmund Saunders Barrester of the *Middle Temple*, inclinable to the Dropfie and Scurvy, had help thereby; after which, being at *Glocester*, sent for a 12 s. Box of my Pills, and gave them freely to the Wife of one *Watkins* in *Wotton* near the City aforesaid, by which means she was soon cured, though far gone in a Dropfie. I could wish all (with him) that are able to be charitable to the Poor,

Likewise Captain *Anthony Langstone*, Captain *Wadlow* of the *Sun Tavern* in *Thread-needle Street*, received help by my Pills.

Mr. *Lewis Rome*, Painter to his Grace *Christopher Lord Duke of Albemarle*, much troubled with the Dropfie, had help by my Pills.

Captain *John Wharton*, in *George Yard* in *King Street Westminster*, sorely troubled with the Dropfie and Scurvy, became very weak, was perfectly cured with two or three Boxes of my Pills.

Mr. *Christopher Bramm*, at the sign of the *Christopher* in *Duffins Alley*, near the *Mitre Tavern* in *King Street Westminster*, being far gone in the Dropfie, his belly, thighs, and legs very much swelled, his appetite as it were altogether dejected and lost, by taking of my Pills, had help in a short time; But about ten or twelve moneths after, by reason of taking cold, &c. fell into a relapse, and then became so extraordinary swelled and suffocated in his Lungs, that he could hardly breath; so accidentally seeing him, proffered to serve him, and that I did not doubt, but from a second use of my Pills, would result a second Cure. But by his discourse I found that he had an inclination to try some other means, which accordingly finding all attempts of that kind ineffectual, himself and friends then concluded it a

matter impossible ever to recover him; then were my Pills their *ultimum refugium*; with two or three Boxes whereof (through Gods wonderful Goodness) was then restored to his health, to the admiration of many who can and will, if occasion require, give their Testimony thereof.

Mr. Parkeson at the Coffee-house at the upper end of *Chick Lane* near *West-Smithfield*, (extremely) troubled with shortness of breath, his appetite lost, his legs swelled, and very little hopes of recovery, was in a short time cured by taking a Box or two of my Pills.

Nicholas Wright in *St. Johns Court* in *Con-Lane*, by reason of a great Surfeit caused by overmuch drinking, was reduced to a very weak condition, a violent Cough, and stopping in his stomach; his appetite dejected, in so much, that all his friends judged it impossible for him to live; who had remedy, by taking ten of my Pills, with a Medicine of small value that I directed for his Cough.

Mr. John Ridd, not long since living at the *Manby* at the upper end of *Dunbar Street*, having an indisposition of body, he last fell into a Dropie, Scurvy, &c. But taking it in time, was cured with one Box of my Pills.

Mrs. Bewick, in *Well-lane* near *St. Bartholomews*, very dangerously afflicted with that Dropie called *Tympanick*, her belly extremely swelled, she had lost her appetite, and was very weak, but through Gods mercy, by taking of my Pills was perfectly restored to her former health.

Mr. Shipman, at the *Horse-shoe* over against *Charlton House*, had help thereby.

Richard Jenkins a *Waterman*, living in *Lambeth Marsh*, troubled with a violent pain and stoppage

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in his stomach; loathed his meat; by taking two or three times of my Pills, which caused several Worms to be voided upward, and much watery and slimy matter by Stool; forthwith became perfectly well.

Mr. Thomas Resould, and Mrs. Anne Resould his Wife, living at the Prince of Orange in Cannon-Row Westminster, were both cured of the Dropsie by my Pills.

Serjeant Granger, in Bishops-head Court in Grays Inn Lane, was cured of the Dropsie with two Boxes of my Pills.

Mr. Thomas Harrison, at the Mermaid in Red-Lion-Fields near Holborn, far gone in the Dropsie, his belly, thighs, and legs very much swelled, left off for dead, was in a short time cured by taking of my Pills.

Mrs. Dohson at the Jacob and Twelve Signs in Red Cross-street, had also help thereby.

Mr. John Scarvis Distiller, at the sign of the Green-man near Holborn-Bridge, sorely troubled with the Dropsie, and Scurvy; his stomach, belly, thighs, and legs much swelled; he was also suffocated or choked up, that he could hardly breath; yet through Gods blessing he had help by two or three 4 s. Boxes of my Pills, though near 60 years of age.

Mrs. Allen not far from the sign aforesaid, sorely troubled with the Dropsie and Scurvy; so weak that he could hardly go, was also cured with two or three Boxes thereof.

Captain John Pim of Hackney in the County of Lincoln, most horribly afflicted with the Dropsie, and Scurvy; his body from the stomach downwards, belly, thighs, legs, and feet, most infinitely swell-

ed, so that he could not in any measure help himself, but lay on his back in bed, not able to turn therein; with a weight upon his stomach to hold down the swelling, and to abate the violence of the pain: expecting every hour that his body would have broke asunder, the course of nature being almost stopped, insomuch, that he could not make Water, to give the least ease; he had given himself over for death, and was supposed by all that saw him to be a dead man, all thinking it useless for him to make trial of my Pills, though he had by the Post sent for them; but living in such great misery till they came, he took two; and in few hours after had much ease, and received thereby the benefits of nature; he continued taking them every night two at a time for 10 days, then took three at a time for 6 weeks together, after which, he could go about his house, and did increase in strength, to help himself in all necessary occasions. He took 8 or 9 4*s*. Boxes before his swellings were taken away, by reason his Liver, and the rest of his principal bowels had received much damage before he had made use of my Pills.

He had at first a violent Fever; and after that a Quotidian Ague; then followed a Tertian Ague, attended with a suppression of Urine, which was conceived (not without good reason) to be the cause of the Dropsie. He was also girt about with Stitches, and almost choked up with tough Flegm, his Spleen much swelled, and very sore; with many other infirmities, too tedious now to insert. By taking fourteen 4*s*. Boxes of my Pills in few months was restored to his former health.

Mr. Rich. Mill his Son of *Espsall* in the County of *Middlesex*, within ten miles of *London*, aged about

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about 14 years, his belly and members, &c. very much swelled; his Father sought all means imaginable, but found none, till he took of my Pills, with which he received a perfect Cure.

Mr. Joseph Haylock, servant to Mr. Alderman Gray in the Town aforesaid, most violently afflicted with the Dropsie, and had a great Cough and Suffocation of the Lungs.

He spew abundance of corrupt and stentid matter, and was left off by all for a dead man, and at last I cured him for three and twenty shillings, though in the midst of his Cure (as many have been to their utter ruine) was perswaded against me, and my Pills; so that in plain terms he left me off for six weeks, but at length begg'd me to take him again, being very unwilling (when he had got a pair of Spectacles) to be perswaded to his Grave.

For this Medicament is always effectual if taken before the Liver and the rest of the principal bowels are putrified, or nature decayed (which soon happeneth in some constitutions) and sometimes it pleaseth God to afflict men with such diseases, as no man shall heal, but where diseases are curable, this medicine with Gods help most certainly prevails; therefore you that mind your own welfare, take it in time, and my life for yours you will have no cause to repent.

Of late several Persons sorely tormented with sharp Humours, molesting the Nostrils, Palar, Mouth and Throat, &c. some of which had been salivated, but to no purpose, whom were at last cured by taking 3 or 4 4 Boxes of my Pills according to directions, making use of the following Gargarisms (especially the last.)

Take Vine-leaves; or the tops, when the leaves are not to be had, the inward Bark of Elm-tree, of each

one handful; Root-Allom, Ginger gross beaten, of each half an Ounce; Album Græcum one ounce; boil all these in one quart of Spring-water to the consumption of the third part, strain it and sweeten it with Honey, or Syrup of Mulberries, and gargle the Mouth and Throat often therewith, and with a Syringe cast it into the Nostrils warm.

Or take Plantain Water, Eight Ounces, Honey of Roses, and Syrup of Mulberries, of each two Ounces; Sugar of Lead Six Drams, Roman Vitriol one Dram, mixed together, and used as aforesaid, will both preserve the Nose and Palate too, &c. Sometimes you may Gargle with Water, wherein is a small quantity of Crown-Sope dissolved.

A Gentlewoman aged near 25, being married six or seven years, by reason of overmuch humidity or moistness of the Womb, &c. could not conceive with Child; hearing of my Pills, she took two or three boxes thereof, which caused her to evacuate much wind and water, and within 3 months conceived. I could give an account of several others that have received the like benefit.

More of that nature you may be pleased to read in a Treatise lately by me set forth for the particular use of Child-bearing women, called *The Ladies Companion, Or, the English Midwife*. Wherein is demonstrated, *The Manner and Order how Women ought to govern themselves, during the whole time of their breeding Children, and of their difficult Labour, hard Travail, and lying in, &c.* Together with the *Diseases* they are subject to, (especially in such times) and the several ways and means to help them. Also, the various Forms of the Childs proceeding forth of the Womb, in 17 Copper Cuts,

&c.

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Ge. Sold by Edward Thomas at the Adam and Eve in Little Britain.

A young Lady having the *Small Pox*, and being recovered of the same, in few months after, by reason of some obstructions, had 4 Ulcers broke in the left Leg, and could not by any means be healed, until she took of my Pills, though it had cost her before thirty odd pounds, and had drunk plentifully of the waters too, which by taking 3 or 4 boxes with keeping the sores clean with a liquor I prescribed, was in 30 days perfectly cured. Therefore I counsel such, that often drink the waters, not to be without some small quantity of my Pills; and take thereof once or twice in a week, though in the foresaid course, For I well know that those waters are destructive to many; more especially, to Hydropical persons & such of them that have been great drinkers of Sack and Claret, &c. For certainly nothing can be more pernicious to them, then to forsake rashly their wonted custom, and fall to drinking of crude or raw water, which over much cools the blood; (*The very Balsome of life*) when by taking of my Pills it will be made sweet, and soon brought to its first purity, by which means the Dropsie with many other violent Diseases are cured.

Mr. John Brice, Shoemaker at the Half-Moon in Shear-Lane near Temple-Bar. long troubled with an Indisposition of Body, and a violent pain and weakness in one of his shoulders, had help by taking a Box or two of my Pills.

Mr. John Key, living at the sign of the Peacock in Portugal Street in Pickedilly, much troubled with the Dropsie, was cured by my Pills.

Mr Will. Burt, at the Red Lyon, in the Butchers Row near Temple-bar, most dangerously tormented with the Dropick, his face, belly, thighs, and legs, &c. horribly swelled and puffed up; he was also Asthmatical, or troubled with shortness of breath, inso-much, that it was thought he could not possibly live 48 hours: yet through Gods goodness by taking my Pills according to directions, was perfectly cured in a short time though before he had made use of all means possible, & was purged sufficiently, But not with Medicines of the nature of my Pills, (for I challenge the whole world to produce the like) which are not only Cathartique, or purging; but, withall, fortifies or strengthens the principal Bowels, &c. and that is one Reason they so perfectly cure the Dropick.

A Gentlewoman sorely troubled with the White Flux, great pain and weakness in her Back, Ulcers in her Throat and Privy parts, by taking my Pills every second or third day for one month together (to the Ulcers she made use of the Water directed Page the 14.) and upon the intermitting dayes, took first and last five at a time of the strengthening Pills, made as followeth: so became perfectly well.

Take Mastick, Red Coral, Dragons-Blood, White Amber, of each two Drams, two Nutmegs, Camphir two Drams, Agnus Castus 3 Drams, all reduced to fine Powder; make it up into Pills, with one Ounce of Cyprus Turpentine

This Method beyond all Mercurial Medicine, too frequently made use of. (were the verity known) doth not only cure the White Flux in Women, but certainly the Running of the Reins in Men, and so with great safety prevents future danger.

Mrs. Jones the Wife of Mr. John Jones over-against the Bull in Branham, in the County of Suffolk

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folk near *Ipswich*, very far spent in the Dropsie and Scurvy, and extremely swelled all over her Head, Face, Arms, Body, Thighs, and Legs, and the swellings very hard; her iegg were swelled above half a yard about, and sometimes her Eyes would be puffed up that she could not see; she was also troubled with a violent Cough, and a rising in her throat, insomuch that she was as it were suffocated or choaked up; many times she was deprived of her Speech: She had a violent pain in her head, and oftentimes almost distracted therewith: Her condition was so dangerous, that she had made use of all the ablest Physicians that she could hear of, but found not the least benefit by them; and at length they all left her off, and said, that she could not live many days; And then it pleased God that she was directed to my Pills, which perfectly cured her in two months; which wonderful Cure was effected in *June* and *July*, in the Year 1670.

You may call to mind that in the 5th, 6th, and 7th. Edition was mentioned the notable Cures effected on *Mr. Isaac Key*, his Wife and Kinswoman, of *Nizland* in the County of *Suffolk*; and on others that here I must omit.

Another Gentlewoman aged near 41 adjacent to the City of *London*, sorely tormented with violent pain in her head, and great stoppage in her stomach, full of wind, and exceedingly troubled with the Scurvy and Dropsie, by taking 3 or 4 small boxes of my Pills, was very strangely cured by voiding a monstrous worm by stool, very large, and seven foot in length; by which means she was altogether freed of that long continued misery, and withall perfectly cured of the Dropsie: since which time she hath cured several with my Pills, and many of them out of Charity.

☞ A persons daughter of quality about eight years of age, never having the perfect use of her Limbs; by taking 25 4 s. Boxes of my Pills, in the space of two years received perfect help thereby.

September the 24th. 1672. I had news brought of a Woman near Ipswich, about 40 years of age, that had not been out of her Chamber in six years, by reason of great weakness and pain in her Limbs, &c. by taking two 4 s. Boxes of my Pills could walk seven miles.

☞ Such that take those Pills against the Scurvy, &c. (no purging medicine more prevalent) if much broken forth in pustles and scabs, anoint the parts going to bed, with the Oyntment made as followeth, and doubt not the Cure.

Take oyntment of Roses three ounces, the white oyntment with Camphire two ounces, sal prunella one ounce, mercurius dulcis, ginger, burnt Allom, of each half an ounce; make it into an oyntment, with oyl of Roses, and juice of Lemons, according to Art.

But if it cannot be got living remote from the Apothecary,

Take Red Dock Roots, the buds or leaves of Elder, of each two or three handfulls, Rosemary and Bay leaves, of each half a handful, and a few Cloves, (to make it the more sweet) being cut and bruised small, boil them with a sufficient quantity of May butter or Hogs Fat, to an Oyntment, after strain it, & add to every pound thereof two Ounces of the fine flower of brimstone, and use it as the former.

But attempt not the use of the Oyntment, until such time as you have taken my Pills two or three at a time, (more or less for a fortnight, or three weeks together, every night or every second (the worse you are, the oftener) and once or twice a week when you use

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use the Oyntment, till you are cured.

This course truly observed, doth not cure Scorbutical sores alone, but all manner of stinking Ulcers, botches, boyles, the pocky Itch, &c. the sooner, if you drink Ale or beer, wherein is infused or boiled Red Dock Roots, or the Seeds thereof, or the Liquor directed to be taken with my Pills in the Drop sic and Scurvie.

This I have made large experience of, and so freely communicate it for the sole benefit of my Countrey, abhorring to cheat the people to raise my own fortunes.

☞ How to prevent and cure the Gout (especially where it is not hereditary or long contracted, with all other violent pains in the joynts) by my Pills and the following *Bolus*, which I have often proved to be true.

Take Venice Treacle, one drachm, the powder of Virginy, Snake-weed, Gascoign powder, Diaphoretick Antimony, of each ten grains, Saffron, Salt of Scurvy-Grass, Wormwood, and Salt of Ash, of each five grains; make it up into a Bolus, with the Syrrup of Ground-pine; take it about four or five of the clock in the afternoon, by it self, or with hot Sack, &c. being in bed covered warm, sweat as you are able to bear it, and rub your selves with warm cloaths, and be sure to take no cold. The very next morning take three or four of my Pills, more or less according to the strength of your bodies; thus do two days in five, the Bolus may serve the weaker sort twice. I judge this method sufficient to cure many occult and dangerous distempers, (especially where the body is not too much maciated) The Bolus you may have made up by any Apothecary, or by my self, which you please.

Honoured Doctor,

WHen the Microcosme, my body, was overflowed with a vast deluge of the *Dropse*, in so extraordinary a manner, as that I despaired of all hopes, (as to life) expecting nothing but that I should be drowned in so great a flood: It pleased God then to direct me to You, (*whom I would the world knew better*) who under him was an Ark to preserve me safe, to keep me from sinking; and now mankind is restored, not as the Poets feigned, by throwing Stones over my head; but by swallowing your Pills down my throat, which produced strange effects. I had almost said, as that stones should become men; a strange Metamorphosis, that from such a Chaos of Confusion, from such a Mass of disordered matter, from such a heap of indigested humours. I should by your Art, as if nature had been new moulding me, be wrought into so goodly a Fabrick, and reduced to my wonted Feature, that whereas I was *monstrum horrendum*, I am now *Corpus humanum*; it seems to me even a Paradox, that whereas I was dead, (for so I was counted to be) I should by your Pills alone be revived; nay, which is the most wonderful; I was buried alive, for so small were my Relations hopes concerning me, that they looked upon me really as dead, waiting daily for my dissolution: Even then with Gods blessing accompanying your Pills, I was rescued from the jaws of Death; I was raised as it were out of my Grave, and am yet alive, and shall ever bless God in your behalf, that you may live long, and do much good, is the desire of him who am,

*Yours because you have
ransomed me.*

James Major.

From Ipswich, September 27. 1671.

Noble Doctor,

BEING not known unto you in the least, more then by the Description of the Book you have set forth for the taking of your *Pills*, which are for the curing of the *Scurvy* and *Dropsie*; Yet Sir, I am bound in honesty and civility to give you many hearty and humble thanks for the great Cure (by Gods assistance) that your Pills have made upon my Son *William Hobbs*, who was most sadly afflicted with the *Scurvy*, which had been growing upon him almost three years, and brought him so weak, that he could hardly go or stand, neither could he lye in his Bed, but sit therein, being bouldster'd up with Pillows to keep him bending forward, otherwise his breath would so much fail him, that he could not live, if he lay in his bed as others do, and as now he doth; his Gums were almost eaten away, and he became so cold, that it was a great deal of care and diligence taken to keep heat within him for almost a quarter of a year; and then it was my fortune to light upon one of your books, and after my self and Son had perused it, my Son had a very great desire that I should buy one of your 4 s. Boxes of *Pills*, and prepare him the Diet drink according to your directions: so every thing being made ready, he began to take the Pills, and in twice or thrice taking, he found a little amendment, which made my self and Wife much to rejoyce: For none that saw him in his weakness did think he could have lived, but all concluded he was a dead man. He followed taking the Pills, until he had almost taken the first Box; and still by degrees he mended: and then he desired another 4 s. box,

Box, and by that time he had taken them, he was able to lie in his bed, and to walk down out of his Chamber; then being so much taken with the *Pills*, he desired another Box of 8 *s.* and before that was taken, he was so well and lively, that now I do think he is near as strong as ever he was; and I judge there is hardly a stronger man in the Parish.

If any should question the truth of this my Letter, you may be pleased to shew it to *Richard Dowdeswel Esq;* one of the Members of the House of Commons, who knows the same to be true, so doth his Son *Mr. Charles Dowdeswel*. Sir, I am but a plain Country man, and not able to express my self in such Language as you deserve, but my self, Wife, and Son, do all pray to God to bless you in your Practice; and so humbly desiring that you would be pleased to write two words to me of the receipt of this, for I shall not be satisfied till I know that you have received our thanks for your brave Cure; some few of the 8 *s.* Box of *Pills* are yet remaining: Besides, two or three other Persons have taken thereof, and much good they have found by them. So I humbly take my leave, and rest,

Your most humble Servant to serve you,

MICHAEL HOBBS.

London, near Upton upon Severn in the County of Worcester, Octob. 18. 1671.

Bristol 22. of the 1st. month 1672.

William Sermon,

THESE are to certifie thee and any other to whose view these Lines may come, that about the 8th month, 1671. my body was afflicted with such

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a pain in my stomach, & through the tediousness thereof so bowed me down, that I could hardly bear my body up; at which time it came into my mind to make use of thy Pills, and took for the first dose five, about the 5th hour in the morning being in my bed; and about one hour after drunk one Pint of very warm Ale; whereupon they began to work (procuring divers Stools, consisting of a slimy watery stuff, and my pain being much mitigated thereby, encouraged me to take the like dose next morning in like manner, which operated no less then the former, and expelled out of my body by Stool abundance of Worms, in form like unto the Prickles of an Hedge-hog shaven off: So I forbore taking any more for a full month: and then taking the like dose, which operating like unto the former, expelled in Operation no less number of Worms, of like form those the second dose produced; and since that time through the mercy and goodness of the Lord to me, I have been as well as ever I was in my life. And have given this testimony for the encouragement of all persons that may be troubled with the like distemper, to make use of the same Pills; giving those to understand, that in the time of their working, I took but little food besides broth: And so with my true love to thee, I rest and remain, *Thy Loving Friend,*

JOHN WEAR.

A Gentleman of good worth being terribly tormented with the Scurvie, and with all a virrulent Gonorrhea, or Running of the Reins, who had for a considerable time made use of Physick, especially Pills cried up for the distempers aforesaid, but all proving useles, he grew worse, and began to swell both in his stomach, belly, and privie parts, so that he
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concluded himself to be poisoned, and imagined nothing but death to follow; but being perswaded to make use of my Pills, forthwith sent for an 8 s. box, and thereby found present ease, and afterwards for two 4 s. boxes, by which he received a perfect cure in a short time, with the use of a small quantity of the astringent Pills, directed Page the 16.

☞ Such that are desirous to be further informed of the wonderful cures effected by those most famous Pills, may please to read a small Treatise of mine, call-*The English mans preservation*, which will come forth about the latter end of *Easter* term next.


☞ Moreover, those Pills are good against violent pains in the Head, Breast, and Stomach extreme stoppage and vwindiness thereof; they are also most prevalent against all sudden surfeits caused by excessive eating or drinking vwhereupon violent Feavers, and sometimes pestilential do ensue, and many times death, if not prevented; vvhich these Pills taken in time (vwith Gods blessing) vwill at once help; they likewise open the obstructions of the Liver and Spleen, and expel all superfluous humidity, and that from the Womb, being oftentimes the cause of Non-conception; they are the onely Pills to purge the Reins, they provoke urine, hinder the generation of the Gravel and Stone in the Kidneys, strengthen the vessels spermatick, and are vvell knowvn to help the Gonorrhea of all kinds, (without the use of astringent medicines) being most safe, according to that authentick Aphorism,

Sublata causa tollitur effectus.

☞ They are also of excellent use for such that are Plethorick, and inclinable to overmuch fat, and for the good-fellovv that drinks sometimes too much, being taken one or two at a time, though in the midst of drinking

drinking, &c. For they do not only cause plentiful e-
vacuation, where there is cause, (more especially at
such times) but preserves the brain, stomach, and bow-
els, from the danger apt to follow such courses.

In the *DROPSIE*, and *SGURRY*, by a mag-
netick virtue, they attract or draw all vvarry Humours
forth of the Blood, and all other parts, by the Pores in-
to the Intestines, so carry it off by Stool. They strengthen
the Liver, from the coldness and weakness of vvhich
most Dropsies proceed: They operate by Stool and
Urine; a large Dose, vvhich is five small Pills, causeth
sometimes the Patient to vomit, especially where the sto-
mach is become vveak or much stopped vvvith flegm, &c.
for they are like to a diligent & active Beadle, they wait
upon all malignant & extravagant humours, never leav-
ing them till they are out of the Corporation. In a word,
they cure the aforesaid Distempers when all other Medi-
cines fail. They retain their virtue for many years, and
are absolutely the choicest Medicines under the Heavens
for Mariners, and such that use the Seas, for Souldiers
and others that travail much; for they do not only cure
sudden Accidents, but prevent most Diseases (more es-
pecially) when they are taken as soon as there is per-
ceived an indisposition of body; for if they do not
at once or twice expel the Distemper, they lessen the malign-
ity thereof, and so gradually restore the Patient (as it were)
from death to life.

 Therefore I counsel not only Hydropical and
Scorbutical persons, but others (especially those that in-
habit near the Fenns, moist and foggy places, and where
great Plouds often happen (to make use of my Pills; for
they have been found beyond all purging Medicines to
purifie and sweeten the blood, and to expel all poisonous
vapours effecting the same, so preserveth vigour and
health to old Age.

And during the time of taking them, (especially such that have the Dropfie and Scurvy,) make use of the following Liquor, and drink as little other as possible; though my Pill will perfectly effect the Cure without it, yet that is far more proper in such Cases then ordinary drink.

☞ Take the bark of Elder, red-Sage, Ground-Ivie, or the Herb called Ale hoof, Smallage, Fennel-roots, Aronroots, Scurvy-grass, Pellipody of the Oak, of each half a Pound, the best Juniperberries, one pound, Ginger half an ounce, cut & bruise all these, and tie them up in a thin cloth, & hang them in an earthen Steen, & pour thereto a sufficient quantity of new Ale or Beer, or such that are able may add some Rensh or white Wine so let it work together. When it is fit to drink, you may drink a good draught first in the morning, and last at night. And if there be an appetite, eat any thing of light digestion; though the Pills have not done working; and walk about your occasions, especially if the season be not too cold.

☞ And that for the future, none may be ignorant of the Dropfie and Scurvy, when seized upon them, and so neglect the use of those Pills (the most absolute remedy) till too late, I have thought requisite to demonstrate the true Symptoms or Signs thereof; which according to the best Authors, and my long experience, are as followeth,

In that Dropfie called *Ascites*, the whole Belly is swelled up; and if it be but stricken, there is heard such a kind of sound as a bottle maketh that is not full of water; but the other parts, especially the upper parts of the body are not swelled nor puffed up.

In that Dropfie called *Timpanites*, the belly is puffed up, and extended forth, and being stricken it maketh a noise much like to a Tabour, or Timbrel; but the other parts of the body grow lean.

In that Dropfie called *Anasarca*, all the whole body becomes

becomes loose, and as it were like to a sponge; so that it swelleth up, and is like a dead body.

In most Dropsies the feet, ankleys, and legs, commonly swell first, (sometimes the belly and privy members, &c.) so that if you thrust your finger thereon, the part will pit, and leave an impression. The colour of the skin is pale and earthy, the Urine little and thick, and sometimes very red, &c. the breath short, the stomach lost, a troublesome thirst, by reason of the sharpness & saltness of the humour, in which the stomach swimmeth, (and if not prevented in time) then follows a lingering Fever, from the corruption of the water, which at length doth corrupt all the bowels swimming therein.

✿ *The Symptoms or Signs of the Scurvy, are also as followeth,*

An evil savour of the mouth, tumefaction and bleeding in the Gums, corrupt or rotten, black and loose teeth; spots in the face, body, thighs and Legs: sometimes they are red, at other times yellow, leaden coloured, or black, according to the constitution and evil state of the body.

There is also great weakness in the joints, pains in the Shoulders, sides, hips, thighs, knees, and legs, &c. more especially in the shin-bones, disability to walk; upon a sudden their breath fail, and become very short; when they use but the least motion, when they offer to rise, or sit but upright, they are ready to die, their spirits so much fail them; but when they lye down, they seem to be much refreshed, and breath not with so much difficulty; and for the most part are greedy of meat, and desire to eat often. The stomach hardly found failing; but the belly often Costive or bound; and yet I have known many subject to a continual flux; and sometimes the spots in the legs do swell;

and in some the legs become so much ulcerated, that the shin-bones lie bare; which disease, if not timely prevented (which I am assured my Pills will do) in some constitutions will turn into a kind of Leprosie; for the spots resolve into a black kind of scales, &c.

Much more might be said touching the signs of the foresaid diseases, vvhich here I omit,

The manner of taking my Pills is as followeth.

☞ A Child between 6 and 10 years of age, may take one; the weaker sort of people two; the stronger three, four or five: The number you intend take at night going to bed or after your first sleep, and sleep thereon; or take one Pill going to bed and two betimes in the morning; the stronger sort may take two going to bed, and three in the morning (provided the two taken at night) do not operate. But in the Winter-time, take them always in the morning about 5 a Clock; lest by rising in the night, you take cold, being without fire; swallow them in the pap of a roasted Apple, or any way how you please. Such that cannot take Pills, may cut them into small pieces, and mix therewith Mithridate, or Diacordium, or any Cordial Syrup, and so take them in a small quantity thereof: You need not drink Posset, or Broth, as with other Physick; but if dry, what you please, as Beer, Ale, White-wine, &c. They may be taken every day, every second or third; the greater occasion, the oftner, if strength permit.

And that at any season of the year, (the dog-days not excepted) if they chance to grow too hard before you take them, then roul them a little betveen your Fingers, and they vwill vwork as vwell as if newly prepared; though you have had them by you many years.

☞ And if possible, let me perswade you to make use of them as soon as you perceive the Symtoms or Sigus before-mentioned, then you will not judge them dear, as
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some have done, (*That know not the vast difference between Gold and Silver, or the Lark from the Kite in virtue*) whom I would have to understand, that I am able to make such Pills that will purge sufficiently, (*were that all*) of which I can better afford threescore for two Shillings, then twenty of the Pills I sell for 4 s. *which most choise balsamick Medicine is still faithfully prepared by me.*

☞ And that no more may be cheated in buying of other Pills for mine, so many of late set forth, by the meer pretenders to the cures aforesaid.

☞ Take notice that my Pills are Gilt with Gold, and sealed up with my own Seal, in wooden-boxes.

The numbers and prices are as followeth and no other ways,

*The least Box containing 20 Pills, sold for 4 shillings.
The middle Box containing 40 Pills, sold for 8 shillings.
The large Box containing 60 Pills, sold for 12 shillings,*
by my trusty friend Mr. Edward Thomas Bookseller at the Adam and Eve in Little Britain, vvhom I have solely deputed under my Hand and Seal to make Sale thereof, and he to appoint others to Sell them, not only in the City of London, but in all other parts of the Kingdom, &c. And are at present to be had as followeth:

At Major Nathan. Brooks at the Angel in Cornhil, near the Royal-Exchange.

Mr. Robert Horn bookseller at the South entrance of the Royal Exchange.

Captain William Newman's Coffee-house, now in Talbot Court in Grace-church street, and Little-Eastcheap.

Mr. Edward Brewster at the Crane in St. Pauls Church Yard.

Mr. John Place next Furnivals Inn Gate in Holbourn.

Mr. Charles Harper at the Flower de Luce in Fleet street,

Mr. William Crook at the Green Dragon without Temple Bar.

Mr. W. Cadman Bookseller at the entrance into the New Exchange.

Mr. Thomas Parthurst at the Golden Bible and three Crowns in Cheap-side near Mercers Chappel.

Mrs. Anne Michel in Westminster-Hall.

Mr.

Mr. John Massam Stationer, at the sign of the Swan upon Snow-hill near St. Sepulchers Church.

Mr. John Sermon at the Golden-Fleece at the Cherry-Garden stairs in Redriff.

Mr. William Wild under the Cross Keys near Hick's Hall in St. Johns Street.

Mr. Edmund Ball at the Red Lion in Wych street near the Angel Inn on the backside St. Clements.

Mr. John Scarvil Distiller at the sign of the Green man near Holborn Bridge.

Mr. John Clark Bookseller near the Hospital-Gate in West-Smithfield.

Mr. Thomas Alsop at the Feathers near the Marshalsey Bookseller, in Southwark.

Mr. William Bradley at the Three Bibles in the Minorities, Bookseller.

Mr. Nathan. Leete, over against the Ship Tavern in the Old Bayley, Tobacconist.

Mr. Henry Yeo, Painter in Angel-street in St. Martins, near Butcherhall-Lane.

Mr. Robert Shipton at the Horseshoe over against Clarendon house.

Mr. John Christmas over against the Cock in Suffolk-street near Charing-Cross.

Mr. Hercules Rooks at White-Hall near the Gate Millenor.

Mr. Benjamin Exall, over against Darby house in Cannon-Row Westminster.

Mr. Thomas Thomas, in the City of Bristol Bookseller.

N. r. Toby Langford, at the High Cross in the City of Gloucester.

Mr. Alexander Davis over against the Golden Heart in South gate in the City of Gloucester.

Mr. John Jones Bookseller in the City of Worcester.

Mr. Isaac Purfs in Walton Cardiff, near Tewsbury in the County of Gloucester.

Mr. Will. Newton Bookseller in Blansford, in the County of Dorset.

Mr. Wil. Wombwell at the Coffee-House in Coney-street in the City of York.

Mr. Robert Eveleigh in the City of Exeter, Bookseller.

Mr. Wil. Thorp Stationer at the Hand and Bible in the City of Chester.

Mr. Robert Hartford Stationer at the Hand and Pen upon the Point in Portsmouth, Senior.

Mr. John Jones over against the Bull in Brantham in the County of Suffolk.

Mr. William Winstanley in Quendon in the County of Essex.

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- Mrs. Anne Michel in Chichester in the County of Sussex Bookseller.
 Mr. Edward Cook at the Jersey School in the City of Lincoln.
 Mr. Hugh Hutcheson Bookseller in the City of Durham.
 Mr. Humphry Bowry Bookseller in the City of Winchester.
 Mr. John Osburn in Leeds in the County of York.
 Mr. Wil. Weeks Bookseller in Plymouth, in the County of Devon.
 Mr. William Cockrain Bookseller in Northampton.
 Mr. Anthony Boys Bookseller in Newark upon Trent in the County of Nottingham.
 Mr. Francis Ward Bookseller in Leicester.
 Mr. Amos Curtcyn Bookseller in the City of Oxford.
 Mr. Richard Mountfort Bookseller in Warwick.
 Mr. Robert Forster Bookseller in Salop.
 Mr. John Courtney Stationer over against the Poultry-Cross in the City of Salisbury.
 Mr. Robert Harford Stationer in Portsmouth, Junior.
 Mr. John Goodrick Bookseller in Hull.
 Mr. George Mawson Postmaster in Hull.
 Mr. Will. Kingston at the Cock in Stafford.
 Mrs. Priscilla Stephens Bookseller in the Tolzey in the City of Bristol.
 Mr. William Terrewest Bookseller in Oundle.
 Mr. John Hall Postmaster in Honiton, and at his shop in St. Mary Auterey, in the County of Devon.
 Mr. John Hick's in Ware, in the County of Hertford.
 Mr. Will. Hall Vintner at the Bush-Tavern next door to the White-Heart in Colchester in the County of Essex.
 Mr. Andrew Carr Postmaster at the Angel in Harwich.
 Mr. Thomas Major Dier in Ipswich in the County of Suffolk.
 Mr. Thomas Smith in Sedgeley in the County of Stafford.
 Mr. Christopher Foster in Binbrook in the County of Lincoln.
 Mr. Peter Bodvil Bookseller in the City of Chester.
 Mr. Robert Lloyd at the Grayhound in Croyden in the County of Surrey.
 Mr. Benjamin Clark Bookseller in Redding.
 Mr. John Hammond Bookseller in the Devizes.
 Mr. Walter Hammond Bookseller in Marlborough.
 Mr. Benjamin Jobson near the three Kings in the City of Rochester.
 Mr. Reß Venuer in the City of Canterbury Bookseller.
 Mr. John Harrison in Abingdon Bookseller.
 Mr. Buckenhill in Ledbury in the County of Hereford.
 Mr. Joseph Howes Bookseller in Dublin, in the Kingdom of Ireland.

Mr.

Mr. Samuel Partridge Miller in Dover.

Mr. Daniel Layton Draper in Herts in Kent.

Mr. John Chambers in Richmond, in the County of York.

Mr. James Brown Bookbinder in Edinburgh in the Kingdom of Scotland.

Mr. William Cuts Grocer near Stratford in Ipswich.

Mr. Michael Bennett in Manchester Junior.

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And at my house in East-Strand, near at the two Black Posts near the Sign of Goldsmiths-Hall, between Peter and St. John Lane, London.

The POSTSCRIPT.

R Eader, Had it not been by special command, and the several Letters daily received by me from persons impoverished in their Estates, &c. by looking after Cures, but finding none until such times they have tried of my Pills, and made use thereof, (tho' I say, being seriously considered) otherwise I should not have troubled my self in putting forth of these Books, which are not to be had above the Streets, as I say Pamphlets, to deceive the unwary, but for directions delivered with each Box of my Pills.

Therefore keep them by you; for in them is inserted nothing but truth, and the absolute way of cure in time of need, to which you may with safety fly, to trifle not away your time till too late; so many worthy persons have done; some being unwilling to disoblige their old acquaintance, &c. though ignorant in the cure of the Dropsy; others by making use of destructive Medicines too plentifully had throughout England, published by Chymists, who make it a matter of no value to destroy others, to keep themselves whole; So

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